

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hall, David R., et al

Serial No.: 10/711,596

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For: Filter for a Drill String

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Art Group: 6672

Examiner: Coy, Nicole A.

Docket No.: 66.0077

December 4, 2006

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed September 13, 2006 for which the shortened – statutory period for response is set to expire on December 13, 2007. The Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be entered and considered, as the Applicants believe that it puts the application in condition for allowance.

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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